

REMARKS

Claims 28-41 have been canceled without prejudice to their patentability. Claims 2, 3, 5-27 and 42-43 will remain pending in the application. Claims 9, 18, 21 and 42 have been withdrawn from consideration.

I. Restriction Requirement

In response to the restriction requirement, applicants elect Group I, claims 2-3, 5-27 and 42-43, without traverse for continued prosecution. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications directed to the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

II. Election of Species

In response to the election of species requirement, applicants elect the species of Figures 2 and 2A for further consideration. Within the elected Group I claims, claims 2-3, 5-8, 10-17, 19-20, 22-27 and 43 all read on the elected species. Claims 9, 18, 21, and 42 have been withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,



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